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1. The city physician at Lom (N 43-49, E 23-14) heads the city health department which controls all medical services in the town:
 - a. The clinic, located on the main street, with wards for internal diseases, X-ray, dentistry, surgery, gynecology, pediatrics, and eye, ear, nose, and throat diseases; a laboratory is attached to the clinic;
 - b. The municipal hospital, located on Tsar Simson Street, with special wards for internal, contagious, and eye diseases;
 - c. The maternity hospital, located on the main street, formerly a private hospital;
 - d. The dispensary for tubercular patients, which treats a large number of patients, since Lom and its surrounding area are considered to have the highest percentage of tubercular patients in Bulgaria; the death rate of tubercular patients is very high;
 - e. The preventative medicine station, located next to the dispensary, serves the entire Lom okoliya;
 - f. The dispensary, which receives the governmental allocation of dental materials; and
 - g. Four pharmacies.
2. There is a severe shortage of medicines. Penicillin, streptomycin, PAS, and Rimofon are available only in very limited quantities at the hospitals. In spite of the shortage, the holder of a prescription signed by three doctors may obtain penicillin from one of the four pharmacies.

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3. Cement, amalgam, porcelain, and false teeth are imported from the USSR but are generally of very poor quality. Private dentists use either old stocks in their possession or materials which they have received from abroad.
4. In order to receive permission to practice privately, the 30 physicians and 15 dentists at Lom work six to seven hours daily in governmental medical institutions. Doctors over 60 years of age and young men of poor health are exceptions to this rule.

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